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Chicago Panther Case Furor

A Demand on Prosecutor

Chicago

The Chicago Bar Association demanded yesterday that State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan take a leave of absence until he is tried on criminal charges of conspiring with 13 others to obstruct justice after a 1969 raid on a Black Panther headquarters.

Police organizations rallied to provide financial, legal and moral support for 12 policemen named with Hanrahan and one of his assistant state's attorneys in an indictment opened Tuesday.

The special county grand jury charged that Hanrahan and the others conspired to destroy, alter, conceal and disguise evidence and planted false evidence to vindicate police behavior.

Two leadersof the Panther party in Illinois were shot to death during the predawn raid Dec. 4, 1969 on a West Side apartment.

The Chicago Bar Association urged Hanrahan and the others charged to take leaves of absence pending the outcome of the case. It also urged Chief Judge Joseph A. Power, a former law partner of Mayor Richard J. Daley, to step out of the case and ask that a judge from another county preside.

Power had suppressed the indictment since June 25 but opened it Tuesday on orders of the Illinois Supreme Court.

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